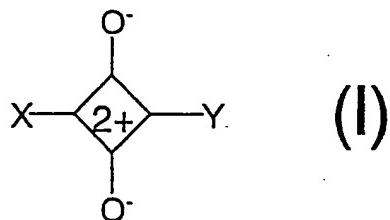
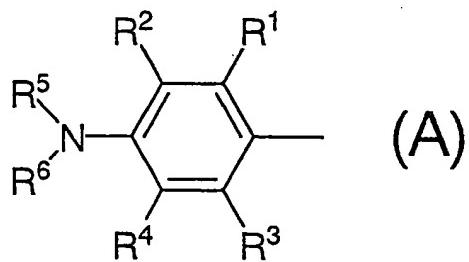


a.) Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices, comprising a squarylium compound represented by General Formula (I):



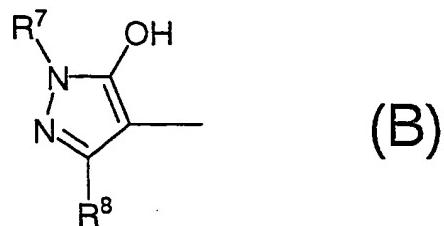
[wherein X represents a group represented by following Formula (A):



(wherein R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ may be the same or different and each represents independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein R¹ and R², or R³ and R⁴ may be combined together with adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and R⁵ and R⁶ may be the same or different and each represents independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl

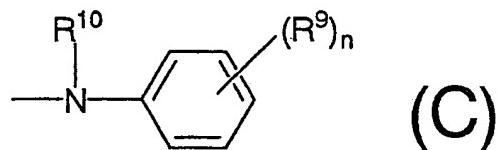
group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein R⁵ and R⁶ may be combined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s), or R² and R⁵, or R⁴ and R⁶ may be combined together with the adjacent N-C-C to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s)), or

X represents a group represented by following Formula (B):



(wherein R⁷ and R⁸ may be the same or different and each represents independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)); and

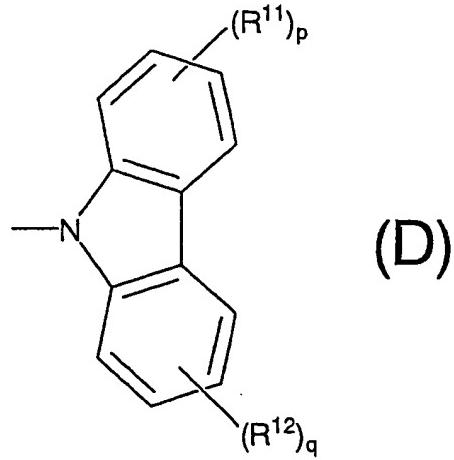
Y represents a group represented by following Formula (C):



(wherein R⁹ represents a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having

substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), $-N=N-R^{9A}$ (wherein R^{9A} represents an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); "n" represents an integer of 0 to 5, wherein, when "n" is 2 to 5, respective R^9 's may be the same or different, or further adjacent two R^9 's may be combined together with the adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and R^{10} represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or

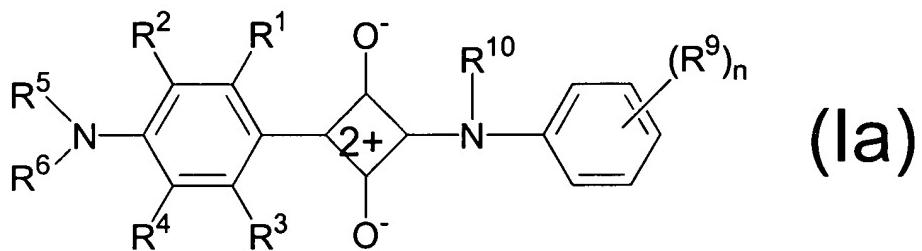
Y represents a group represented by following Formula (D):



(wherein R^{11} and R^{12} ~~may be the same or different and each represents independently~~ represent a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl

group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and "p" and "q" ~~may be the same or different and each represents independently represent~~ an integer of 0 to 4, wherein, when "p" or "q" is 2 to 4, respective R¹¹s and respective R¹²s may be the same or different)].

2. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices, comprising a squarylium compound represented by General Formula (Ia):



(wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁹, R¹⁰, and "n" are as defined above, respectively and R⁴ independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein R¹ and R², or R³ and R⁴ may be combined together with adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s);

R⁵ and R⁶ independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein R⁵ and R⁶ may be combined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s), or R² and R⁵, or R⁴ and R⁶ may be combined together with the adjacent N-C-C to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s);

R⁹ represents a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), -N=N-R^{9A} (wherein R^{9A} represents an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); "n" represents an integer of 0 to 5, wherein, when "n" is 2 to 5, respective R⁹'s may be the same or different, or further adjacent two R⁹'s may be combined together with the adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and

R¹⁰ represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)).

3. (Currently Amended) The filter for electronic display devices according to claim 2, wherein

~~R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ may be the same or different and are each are independently a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or a hydroxyl group;~~

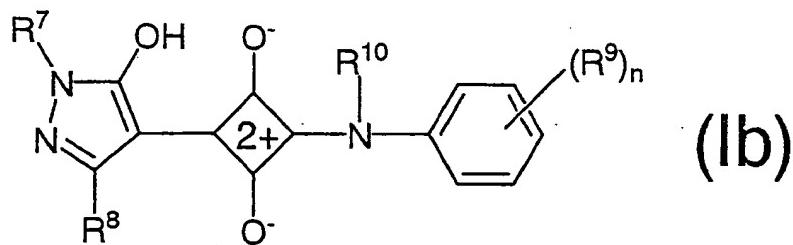
~~R⁵ and R⁶ may be the same or different from and are each are independently an alkyl group;~~

R⁹ is an alkyl group or an alkoxy group;

R¹⁰ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; and

"n" is an integer of 0 to 2.

4. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices, comprising a squarylium compound represented by General Formula (Ib):



(wherein ~~R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, and "n" are as defined above, respectively R⁷ and R⁸ independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s);~~

R⁹ represents a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), - N=N-R^{9A} (wherein R^{9A} represents an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s);

R¹⁰ represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and

"n" represents an integer of 0 to 5, wherein, when "n" is 2 to 5, respective R⁹'s may be the same or different, or further adjacent two R⁹'s may be combined together with the adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s)).

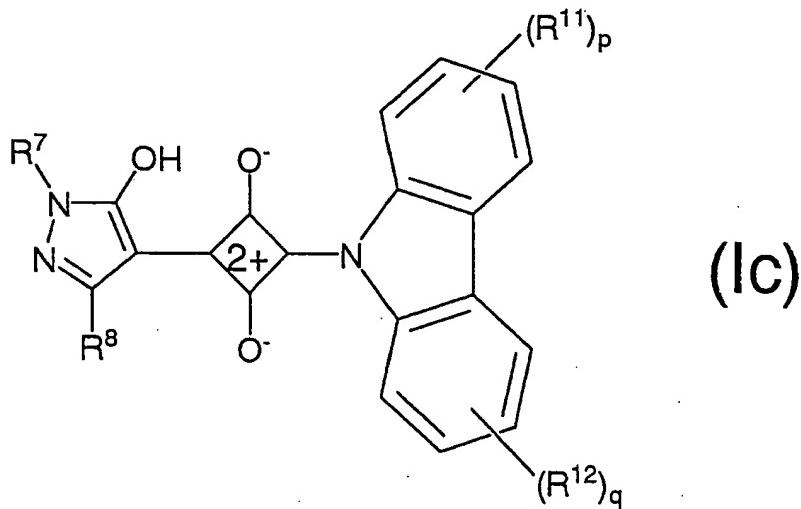
5. (Currently Amended) The filter for electronic display devices according to claim 4, wherein R⁷ and R⁸ ~~may be the same or different and are independently~~ an alkyl group or an aryl group;

R⁹ is an alkoxy group, an amino group having substituent(s), or -N=N-R^{9A} (~~wherein R^{9A} is as defined above~~);

R¹⁰ is a hydrogen atom; and

"n" is an integer of 0 to 2.

6. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices, comprising a squarylium compound represented by General Formula (Ic):



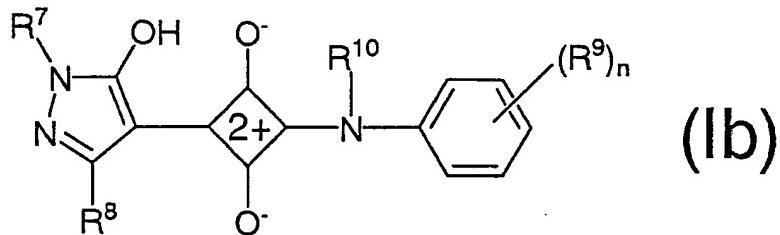
(wherein R⁷, R⁸, R¹¹, R¹², "p", and "q" are as defined above, respectively R⁷ and R⁸ independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s);

R¹¹ and R¹² independently represent a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and

"p" and "q" independently represent an integer of 0 to 4, wherein,
when "p" or "q" is 2 to 4, respective R¹¹'s and respective R¹²'s may be the same or
different).

7. (Currently Amended) The filter for electronic display devices according to claim 6, wherein R⁷ and R⁸ may be the same or different and are independently each an alkyl group; and "p" and "q" are 0.

8. (Currently Amended) A squarylium compound represented by General Formula (Ib):



(wherein R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, and "n" are as defined above, respectively R⁷ and R⁸ independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and

R⁹ represents a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro

group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s),
-N=N-R^{9A} (wherein R^{9A} represents an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl
group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having
substituent(s)), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s);

R¹⁰ represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having
substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally
having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and

"n" represents an integer of 0 to 5, wherein, when "n" is 2 to 5,
respective R⁹s may be the same or different, or further adjacent two R⁹s may be combined
together with the adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having
substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s)).

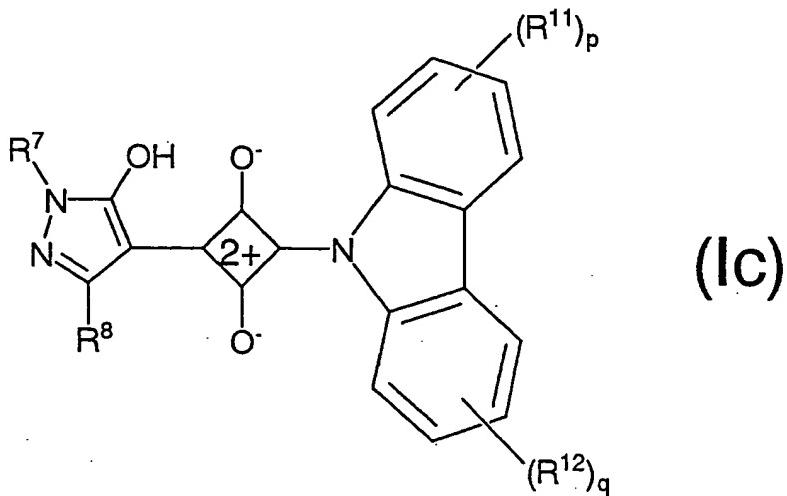
9. (Currently Amended) The squarylium compound according to claim 8,
wherein R⁷ and R⁸ ~~may be the same or different and are each~~ are independently an alkyl
group or an aryl group;

R⁹ is an alkoxy group, an amino group having substituent(s), or -
N=N-R^{9A} (~~wherein R^{9A} is as defined above~~);

R¹⁰ is a hydrogen atom; and

"n" is an integer of 0 to 2.

10. (Currently Amended) A squarylium compound represented by General Formula (Ic):



(wherein R⁷, R⁸, R¹¹, R¹², "p", and "q" are as defined above, respectively R⁷ and R⁸ independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s);

R¹¹ and R¹² independently represent a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and

"p" and "q" independently represent an integer of 0 to 4, wherein, when "p" or "q" is 2 to 4, respective R¹¹'s and respective R¹²'s may be the same or different).

11. (Original) The squarylium compound according to claim 10, wherein R⁷ and R⁸ may be the same or different and are each an alkyl group; and "p" and "q" are 0.